



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



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Aaron Swartz Day
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Dear Mr. Swartz Day:

This letter is in response to your request under the California Public Records Act dated and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Discovery Unit on December 26, 2018.

In your request, you are seeking specifically:

1. "Number, if any, of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's or drones) owned by this department or agency."
2. "Number, if any, of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's or drones) available for use by this department or agency via collaborative agreements that were utilized within the period encompassing this request. Please provide the name of the department or agency that made the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle available to this department or agency for use."
3. "Any documents or correspondence during the period encompassing this request regarding possible or planned acquisition of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle."
4. "Any existing or proposed usage policies regarding the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles technology including protocols, training documents, data storage procedures and prohibited activities."
5. "Any current or past litigation involving or referencing this department or agency involving the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles."

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Although the Sheriff's Department is obligated to respond within 10 days of receipt of the request, this time limit is subject to an extension of up to fourteen (14) days under the following circumstances as defined in Government Code §6253(c)(1):

The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request.

In addition, please note that we may redact or withhold records if there are any exempt matters impacting the privacy rights of individuals (California Constitution, Article I, Section 1, and Government Code Sections 6254(k) and 6255(a)). Other exempt matters will include those protected by the attorney-client, official information and deliberative process privileges, pending litigation exemption, personnel exemption, or other matters otherwise protected from disclosure by law or where the particular facts and circumstances warrant nondisclosure of the information (Government Code sections 6254(b), (c), (k), and 6255(a)).

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Smeltzer of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5000.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kimberly L. Unland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberly L. Unland, Captain
Risk Management Bureau